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J. JAPAN-CHINA: ON AUGUST 15, TOKYO AND PEKING SIGNED TOO
AGREEMENTS--ONE ON FISHERIES, THE OTHER AUTHORIZING A NEW
CONSULATE IN EACH COUNTRY--DESPITE SPECULATION THAT
THE PACTS MIGHT BE DELAYED AS A RESULT OF PEKING'S
DISPLEASURE OVER THE RECENTLY SIGNED JAPAN-TAIWAN
CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT.4

AT THE SIGNING OF THE FISHERIES PACT IN TOKYON
FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA EXPRESSED TO CHINESE AMBASSADOR CHEN CHU THE HOPE THAT THE LONG-DELAYED
PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY COULD BE SIGNED SOON.
THE TALKS HAVE BEEN BLOCKED BY CHINESE INSISTENCE
ON THE ANTI-SOVIET CLAUSE CONDEMNING "THIRD PARTY
HEGEMONY" IN ASIA. PRIME MINISTER MIKI WOULD LIKE
TO RECAST THE PROPOSED ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE INTO A
"UNIVERSAL PEACE PRINCIPLE" NOT AIMED AT ANY SPECIFIC THIRD COUNTRY, BUT THE CHINESE ARE STANDING FIRM."

CONTRARY TO PRESS SPECULATION, TOKYO APPARENTLY

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HAS NO PLANS TO SEND A SPECIAL ENVOY TO PEKING TO

TRY TO GET PEACE TREATY TALKS MOVING IN THE NEAR

FUTURE. MIYAZAWA, HOWEVER, MAY WELL MEET WITH

CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA AT THE UN

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING NEXT MONTH AND TRY TO BREAK

THE IMPASSE. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. SOUTH VIETNAM: CELEBRATIONS HAVE BEGUN IN VIETNAM
COMMEMORATING THE HOTH AND PART OF THE AUGUST REVOLUTION
OF 1945 WHICH LED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NORTH
VIETNAM ON SEPTEMBER 2. THE COMMUNIST TOOK OVER
IN SOUTH VIETNAM ON DEPTEMBER 2. THE COMMUNIST TOOK OVER
IN COUNTRY HAS BEEN UNDER VIRTUAL MARTIAL LAW FOR THE
COUNTRY HAS BEEN UNDER VIRTUAL MARTIAL LAW FOR THE
PAST THREE MONTHS WITH THE MILITARY EXERCISING
ALMOST EXCLUSIVE CONTROL OVER THE DAILY TASKS OF
ADMINISTRATION. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE COMMUNISTS
WILL USE THE SEPTEMBER 2ND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
TO ANNOUNCE THE FORMATION OF A CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT
FOR THE SOUTH OR PROVIDE SOME INDICATION WHEN THAT
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TRANSITION WILL OCCUR. BEYOND THIS POSSIBILITY,
HOWEVER, THE COMMUNISTS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO MAKE
MANY ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS ON THE SOUTH'S FUTURE,
ESPECIALLY REGARDING REUNIFICATION.

WHAT THE FIRST LOD OR SO DAYS OF COMMUNIST CONTROL OF VIETNAM HAS MOST CLEARLY SHOWN IS THAT THE GOAL OF FORMAL REUNIFICATION WILL BE PURSUED GRADUALLY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH NO PRECONCEIVED TIMETABLE. THE IMPATIENCE FOR SOME INDICATION OF HOW ZOON THAT WILL OCCUR SEEMS TO BE GREATER OUT-SIDE THE COUNTRY THAN AMONG THE VIETNAMESE THEM-SELVES. FOR A PEOPLE WHO MAINTAIN THEY HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR CENTURIES TO REUNIFY THEIR COUNTRY, A FEU MORE MONTHS OR YEARS IS OF LITTLE CONSEQUENCE-4 THE FIRST THREE MONTHS HAVE ALSO SHOWN THAT THE VIETNAMESE MAY HAVE UNDERESTIMATED SOME OF THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THEM FOLLOWING THE VICTORY. THE RAPID COLLAPSE OF THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT PUT THE DATE: ORIG: UNIT:

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COMMUNISTS IN AN EXPOSED POSITION ADMINISTRATIVELY. A RECENT JOINT ARTICLE BY HANOI'S DEFENSE CHIEF AND HIS DEPUTY CONFIRMS THAT MORTH VIETNAM'S OBJECTIVES UNTIL THE LATTER PART OF MARCH WERE CONSIDERABLY MORE LIMITED THAN TOTAL VICTORY. THE LAST MINUTE DECISION TO GO ALL OUT--MADE ON MARCH 25--DID NOT PERMIT HANOI TO DO MUCH POLITICAL HOMEWORK BEFORE ASSUMING ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF THE SOUTH . Y .

MANY OF THE INITIAL COMMUNIST ACTIONS WERE MAKESHIFT AND HAD LITTLE RESEMBLANCE TO FIRM POLICY DECISIONS OR SOUND ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGMENT. ENSUING WEEKS, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE BEGUN TO CONCEDE PUBLICLY THAT THE BUSINESS OF PUTTING THE COUNTRY BACK INTO WORKING ORDER WOULD LIKELY BE A LONG AND DIFFICULT TASK AND THAT INSTILLING THE PROPER DEDI-CATION TO THE REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE AMONG THE SOUTHERN POPULATION AS A WHOLE MIGHT REQUIRE LENGTHIER AND HARSHER FORMS OF PERSUASION THAN THE COMMUNISTS

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PROBABLY ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED WOULD BE NECESSARY. Y

THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE GOALS OF A SOCIALIST AND COLLECTIVIZED SOUTH REUNITED WITH AND DOMINATED BY THE NORTH, UMLL BE MODERATED. IN THEIR PUBLIC COMMENTARY, BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST OFFICIALS HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT DE FACTO REUNIFICATION OCCURRED WITH THE SURRENDER OF SAIGON. THESE STATEMENTS, IN ADDITION TO OTHER INDICATIONS, HAVE ALSO CLEARLY ESTABLISHED THAT THE NORTH VIETNA-MESE ARE IN CONTROL AND THAT HANOI IS CALLING THE SHOTS. FOR EXAMPLES IN EARLY MAY A MILITARY MANAGE-MENT COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED IN SAIGON HEADED BY A NORTH VIETNAMESE GENERAL, AND DURING CELEBRATIONS ON MAY 19 COMMEMORATING HO CHI MINH'S BIRTHDAY. THE FOURTH-RANKING MEMBER OF THE MORTH VIETNAMESE POLITBURO WAS PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED AS THE INDIVIDUAL IN CHARGE OF PARTY AND MULITARY AFFAIRS IN THE SOUTH. IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT FOR THE TIME BEING VIETNAM

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UOULD BE ONE COUNTRY UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY BUT WITH "TWO GOVERNMENTS."

THE COMMUNISTS PROBABLY WILL DECIDE ON FORMALLY REUNIFYING THE COUNTRY WHEN THEY ARE SATISFIED THE BULK OF THE PROBLEMS WITH SECURITY AND THE ECONOMY IN THE SOUTH ARE UNDER CONTROL. THE MOST LIKELY FORMAT FOR ACHIEVING FORMAL REUNIFICATION WOULD BE TO HOLD A PLEBISCITE. SUCH A FORUM IN ITSELF ARGUES FOR A DELIBERATE PACE SINCE THE COMMUNISTS MUST BE CERTAIN THAT THE "FREE" CHOICE OF THE PEOPLE WILL BE PROPERLY EXPRESSED.Y

THE COMMUNISTS HAVE CONCEDED IN THE PUBLIC MEDIA
THAT THEIR MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM IS SECURITY. RESISTANCE TO THE NEW REGIME IS MOSTLY FROM FORMER
GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS FEARING FOR THEIR LIVES, RELIGIOUS GROUPS PHILOSOPHICALLY OPPOSED TO THE
COMMUNISTS, ETHNIC GROUPS WHICH TRADITIONALLY HAVE
RESISTED ANY SORT OF VIETNAMESE DOMINATION, AND
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ROBBERS AND BANDITS STEALING TO SURVIVE. NONE OF
THIS RESISTANCE ACTIVITY APPEARS ORGANIZED AND IT
IS UNLIKELY TO PRESENT ANY LONG-TERM THREAT TO COMMUNIST CONTROL. BUT IT IS A THORN IN THE SIDE OF
THE COMMUNISTS AND UNQUESTIONABLY IS AN IMPORTANT
FACTOR COMPOUNDING THE OTHER PROBLEMS CONFRONTING
THE MEW REGIME. 4

SECOND ON THE LIST OF PROBLEMS IS THE ECONOMY,

WHICH THE COMMUNISTS ADMIT IS IN SAD SHAPE. ACTIONS

TAKEN SO FAR APPEAR TO BE MAKESHIFT--FOR EXAMPLE,

BANKS WERE SECRETLY REOPENED, BUT NO NEW MONEY HAS

BEEN PRINTED, LIVING CONDITIONS IN SAIGON AND

THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE COUNTRY APPEAR TO HAVE

DETERIORATED SOMEWHAT, BUT THERE ARE AS YET NO

INDICATIONS OF MASS STARVATION OR WIDESPREAD EPI
DEMICS. PEOPLE IN THE CITIES ARE BEING ENCOURAGED

TO RETURN TO THE COUNTRYSIDE TO RESUME FARMING IN

THE WAKE OF TENTATIVE INDICATIONS THAT FOOD SHORTAGES

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MAY OCCUR LATER THIS YEAR. THE COMMUNISTS LACK THE FERTILIZERS, MACHINERY AND SPARE PARTS, FUEL, AND HIGH YIELD RICE STOCKS TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT IN FOOD AND PROBABLY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OFFSET THESE SHORTCOMINGS BY EXPANDING FARM ACREAGE.

THE COMMUNISTS APPEAR TO HAVE BEGUN EFFORTS TO

MOBILIZE NON-COMMUNIST MEMBERS OF THE POPULATION

TO ATTACK THESE VARIOUS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROB
LEMS. A RECENT SAIGON MUNICIPAL CONGRESS OF THE

NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT WAS HELD IN JULY AND IS

THE BEST SIGN TO DATE THAT ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE

TO INTENSIFY SUCH EFFORTS ON A NATIONAL SCALE. THE

NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT IS THE VIETNAMESE COM
MUNIST VEHICLE FOR MOBILIZING WIDESPREAD NON-COM
MUNIST POPULAR PARTICIPATION TO IMPLEMENT PARTY POLICY.Y

JUST AS THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS HAVE ADOPTED

A DELIBERATE TIMETABLE FOR INTERNAL CONSOLIDATION IN

THE SOUTH, THEY APPEAR TO BE IN NO GREAT HURRY TO

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·EXPAND THE NEW REGIME'S DIPLOMATIC POINTS OF CON-TACT WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD. FROM ALL APPEARANCES TO DATE, HANOI IS UNLIKELY TO SANCTION FULL AMBAS-SADORIAL REPRESENTATION IN SAIGON IN THE NEAR FUTURE. MOST NATIONS PROBABLY WILL BE INVITED TO SEND AN AMBASSADOR TO HANOI AND THAT AMBASSADOR WILL ALSO BE ACCREDITED TO THE SOUTHERN REGIME. OTHERS, ESPE-CIALLY HANOI'S COMMUNIST ALLIES MAY BE PERMITTED TO SEND A CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TO SAIGON. THIS DOULD GIVE THE APPEAR-ANCE OF INDEPENDENT DIPLOMATIC STATUS FOR THE SOUTHERN REGIME FOR THE NEAR TERM, AND ONCE FORMAL REUNIFICA-TION IS ANNOUNCED, THE ACCREDITATION COULD EASILY BE COMVERTED TO CONSULAR STATUS-4

SEVERAL COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY, THE TWO BIG COM-MUNIST ALLIES, HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT NOT BEING PER-MITTED EARLY OFFICIAL ACCESS TO SAIGON. SO FAR HOWEVER -THE COMMUNISTS HAVE PERMITTED NO FOREIGN MISSIONS INTO THE SOUTH, ALTHOUGH SINCE ASSUMING POWER, THEY HAVE AGREED

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HANOI HAS NONETHELESS ENCOURAGED THE SOUTHERN REGIME TO EXPAND ITS DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY AND TO BE ACCEPTED AS A SEPARATE MEMBER OF THE WORLD COM-MUNITY. IT CERTAINLY HAD TO APPROVE SAIGON'S AP-PLICATION FOR SEPARATE ADMISSION TO THE UN AND ENDORSE THE SAIGON REQUEST TO BE ADMITTED TO THE NONALIGNED GROUP OF NATIONS. THE LATTER MOVE . UNQUESTIONABLY IS TIED TO HANOI'S ATTEMPT TO ASSURE AS MUCH THIRD-COUNTRY SUPPORT FOR THE RECENT UN BIDS AS POSSIBLE -- WITHOUT RELYING EXCLUSIVELY ON ITS COMMUNIST BACKERS. BUT IN FACT, THE NUMEROUS PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST OFFICIALS TO THE EFFECT THAT A DE FACTO UNION OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH HAS ALREADY BEEN ACCOMPLISHED DID LITTLE TO STRENGHTEN THE CASE FOR TWO TRULY INDEPENDENT .VIETNAMESE STATES. IF THE PROCESS OF REUNIFICA-.TION CONTINUES TO PROCEED SMOOTHLY, THE ISSUE OF DATE:

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HAS CEASED TRYING TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT TO REPLACE THAT OF

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PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES.Y

NEITHER GENERAL FABIAO NOR INTERNAL SECURITY CHIEF OTELO DE CARVALHO ARE PARTICIPATING ANY LONGER IN THE EFFORT TO OUST GONCALVES.

THE POSSIBILITY OF A COMMUNIST-BACKED POWER PLAY TO STAVE OFF AN EFFORT TO REMOVE GONCALVES BY FORCE.4

A LISBON NEWSPAPER, WHICH IS SAID TO HAVE GOOD CONTACTS WITH
THE ANTUNES GROUP THAT HAS SPEARHEADED THE ANTI-GONCALVES MOVE,
ALSO REPORTS THAT FABIAO HAS GIVEN UP HIS EFFORTS. THE NEWSPAPER
ACCOUNT SAYS THAT FURTHER ATTEMPTS AT A COMPROMISE MAY BE UNDER
WAY THAT WOULD ASSIGN THE TASK OF FORMING A NEW GOVERNMENT TO
SOMEONE ELSE, POSSIBLY NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF AZEVEDO. HE IS A
CLOSE FRIEND OF PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES AND LAST WEEK GAVE AT
LEAST INDIRECT SUPPORT TO GONCALVES.Y

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PORTUGUESE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF FABIAO REPORTEDLY 1. PORTUGAL: HAS CEASED TRYING TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT TO REPLACE THAT OF 25X1X PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES-Y

ACCORDING TO NEITHER GENERAL FABIAO NOR INTERNAL SECURITY CHIEF CARVALHO ARE PARTICIPATING ANY LONGER IN THE EFFORT TO OUST THE POSSIBILITY OF A GONCALVES. COMMUNIST-BACKED POWER PLAY TO STAVE OFF AN EFFORT TO REMOVE GONCALVES BY FORCE-Y

A LISBON NEWSPAPER, WHICH IS SAID TO HAVE GOOD CONTACTS WITH THE ANTUNES GROUP THAT HAS SPEARHEADED THE ANTI-GONCALVES MOVE-ALSO REPORTS THAT FABIAO HAS GIVEN UP HIS EFFORTS. THE NEUSPAPER ACCOUNT SAYS THAT FURTHER ATTEMPTS AT A COMPROMISE MAY BE UNDER WAY THAT WOULD ASSIGN THE TASK OF FORMING A NEW GOVERNMENT TO SOMEONE ELSE, POSSIBLY NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF AZEVEDO. HE IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES AND LAST BEEK GAVE AT LEAST INDIRECT SUPPORT TO GONCALVES.Y

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A UITHDRAWAL OF FABIAO AND CARVALHO WOULD BE A SERIOUS BLOW
TO THE ANTUNES GROUP, ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY A FATAL ONE. THIS,

COUPLED WITH THE COMMUNISTS' INCREASING SHOW OF CONFIDENCE AND

STRENGTH IN LISBON, WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY CAUSE ANTUNES AND HIS

FOLLOWERS TO REASSESS THEIR OUN MILITARY STRENGTH. Y

GONCALVES, MEANWHILE, APPEARS DETERMINED TO PRESERVE THE APPEARANCE OF AN ACTIVE PRIME MINISTER PRESIDING OVER A FUNCTIONING GOVERNMENT. HE MET WITH THE DECOLONIZATION COMMISSION ON THESDAY MORNING AND LATER PRESIDED OVER A CABINET MEETING. A COMMUNIQUE AFTER THE CABINET SESSION UNDERLINED THE DECISION TO REORGANIZE CERTAIN MILITARY BODIES, INCLUDING THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, WHICH HAS OPPOSED GONCALVES! CONSOLIDATION OF POWER.

THE GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATED STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE

OF THE NEWLY ORGANIZED UNITED FRONT COMPRISING THE COMMUNIST

PARTY AND SEVEN OTHER LEFT-UING EXTREMIST GROUPS AS AN EFFECTIVE

INSTRUMENT TO HALT THE UIDESPREAD ANTI-COMMUNIST VIOLENCE.

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TO BE HELD THROUGHOUF THE COUNTRY IN SUPPORT OF GONCALVES.

THE FIRST IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING IN LISBON. £CONFIDENTIALLY

2. FRANCE-ITALY-PORTUGAL: FRENCH AND ITALIAN COMMUNISTS HAVE RESPONDED HESITANTLY TO PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST LEADER SOARES! CALL FOR A CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN EUROPEAN SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST PARTIES TO DISCUSS PORTUGAL.Y

FRENCH SOCIALIST LEADER MITTERRAND AND HIS ITALIAN COUNTERPARTS

DE MARTINOS REACTED QUICKLY AND POSITIVELY TO SOARES' REQUEST.

COMMUNIST LEADERS IN THE TWO COUNTRIESS HOWEVERS APPEAR CAUGHT

BETWEEN THEIR DESIRE TO BE FORTHCOMING FOR PUBLIC COMSUMPTION AT

HOME AND THEIR RELUCTANCE TO GET INVOLVED IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN

ATTEMPT BY SOARES TO USE THEM TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE PORTUGUESE

COMMUNIST PARTY TO ADOPT A MORE COOPERATIVE LINESY

THE COMMUNIST PARTIES OF ALL THREE COUNTRIES INVITED TO ATTEND—FRANCE, SPAIN, AND LITALY—HAVE SOUGHT, TO ONE DEGREE OR ANOTHER, ALLIANCES WITH DEMOCRATIC PARTIES TO OPEN THE PATH TO POWER. THE PARTIES IN ITALY AND SPAIN, IN PARTICULAR, HAVE BEEN DATE:
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DEMOCRATIC PROCEDURES AND ADOPTION OF MORE TRADITIONAL REVOLUTIONARY

TACTICS-4

IN AN OBVIOUS STALLING TACTIC, FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER
GEORGE MARCHAIS ARGUED IN HIS REPLY LAST WEEK THAT SOLIDARITY OF THE
LEFT IN WESTERN EUROPE IS TOO IMPORTANT FOR SUCH A MEETING TO BE
RESTRICTED TO PORTUGAL, FRANCE, ITALY, AND SPAIN, AND SUGGESTED
OTHER EUROPEAN PARTIES BE INVITED AS WELL. HE PROBABLY HOPES THAT
AT WORST THE DIFFICULTY OF VAGANIZING SUCH A MEETING WILL DELAY IT
UNTIL THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL IS MORE SETTLED, OR AT BEST THAT THE
PROPOSAL WILL BE FORGOTTEN ENTIRELY. MARCHAIS REALIZES THAT ON MOST
ISSUES HIS PARTY WOULD BE IN AGREEMENT ONLY WITH THE PORTUGUESE
COMMUNISTS—SHOULD THEY ATTEND, LAICH IS DOUBTFUL—AND DOES NOT WANT.
TO MAKE HIS PARTY'S ISOLATION EVEN MORE APPARENT TO THE FRENCH
ELECTORATE.Y

THE EVENTS IN PORTUGAL HAVE PROVOKED A QUARRELA MIDELY REPORTED IN THE PRESSA BETWEEN THE FREACH COMMUNISTS AND SOCIALISTS AND HICH MARCHAIS HAS COME OFF SECOND BESTA HIS IMAGE AS THE MORE DATE: ORIG:

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DOCTRINAIRE, INFLEXIBLE, AND LESS DEMOCRATIC LEADER HAS BEEN
REINFORCED. HIS RIVAL, SOCIALIST PARTY SECRETARY FRANCOIS
MITTERRAND, HAS GAINED BY APPEARING TO BE A TRADITIONAL SOCIAL
DEMOCRAT WHO KNOWS THE LIMITATIONS OF HIS ALLIANCE WITH THE
COMMUNISTS AND CAN STAND UP TO THEIR IDEOLOGICAL ASSAULTS.Y

NEXT TWO WEEKS WITH WEST EUROPEAN SOCIALIST LEADERS TO DISCUSS AID TO PORTUGAL.4

THE ITALIAN COMMUNISTS ALSO RESPONDED CAUTIOUSLY TO SOARES.

PROPOSAL. THEY MADE A STATEMENT APPROVING IN PRINCIPLE UNDERSTANDINGS
BETWEEN WEST EUROPEAN COMMUNISTS AND SOCIALISTS SO LONG AS THEY HAVE
BEEN ADEQUATELY PREPARED. THIS CIRCUMSPECTION SEEMS TO REFLECT THE
PARTY'S DESIRE TO PLAY ALONG. WHILE AVOIDING POLEMECAL EXCHANGES
WITH THE SOVIETS. IN RECENT WEEKS, THE ITALIAN COMMUNISTS SEEMED TO
BE BACKING AWAY FROM THEIR EARLIER OPEN CRITICISM OF THE PORTUGUESE
COMMUNISTS' STRONG-ARM TACTICS.Y

THE ITALIAN SOCIALISTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, REACTED
ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO SOARES' PROPOSAL AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH
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THE ITALIAN COMMUNISTS' EQUIVOCAL SUPPORT. THE SOCIALISTS ARE

TRYING TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY LEAD THE LEFT, IN PART BY

AVOIDING OPEN DIFFERENCES WITH THE COMMUNISTS. THE SOCIALISTS ALSO

WELCOMED SOARES' PROPOSAL AS A VINDICATION OF THETR JOINT COMMUNIQUE

WITH THE COMMUNISTS IN MID-AUGUST, WHICH CALLED FOR A POLITICAL

AGREEMENT BETWEEN PORTUGUESE "DEMOCRATIC" PARTIES AND THE ARMED

FORCES MOVEMENT. THE SOCIALISTS DREW STRONG DOMESTIC CRITICISM FOR

THE SPANISH PARTIES HAVE YET TO RESPOND TO SOARES'
INVITATION. (SECRET)

THAT ACT OF "NEO-FRONTISM" JITH THE COMMUNISTS.4

3. ROMANIA: ROMANIA HAS MOVED ANOTHER STEP AWAY FROM THE SOVIET BLOC BY GAINING ADMISSION--AS A "GUEST"--TO

THE CURRENT NONALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING
IN LIMA. BUCHAREST REGARDS ATTENDANCE AT LIMA AS

PREPARING THE GROUND FOR AN EFFORT TO GAIN "OB
SERVER" STATUS--A NOTCH ABOVE THAT OF "GUEST"--AT

THE FIFTH NONALIGNED SUMMIT IN COLOMBO NEXT YEAR.

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STRAIN ON SOVIET-ROMANIAN RELATIONS.4

ROMANIA SOUGHT OBSERVER STATUS AT THE FOURTH

NONALIGNED SUMMIT IN ALGIERS IN 1973, BUT WAS RE
BUFFED--APPARENTLY AT YUGOSLAVIA'S BEHEST. THE

STUMBLING BLOCK WAS BELGRADE'S VIEW THAT ROMANIA'S

MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOVIET ALLIANCE SYSTEM PRECLUDED

ITS FORMAL AFFILIATION WITH THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT-Y

BELGRADE HAS NOW MELLOWED, AND FAVORS ROMANIAN
OBSERVER STATUS; IT HAS EVEN ENCOURAGED BUCHAREST
TO GO TO LIMA, AND MEXT YEAR TO COLOMBO 4

BY GAINING ADMISSION AT COLOMBO BUCHAREST MOULD

BE ASSOCIATING ITSELF WITH SUCH MONALIGNED CONCEPTS AS

THE DIVISION OF THE WORLD INTO THE WHAVEST AND WHAVE

NOTS. THESE FORMULATIONS ARE ALIEN TO SOVIET DOCTRINES

WHICH PURPORTS TO VIEW INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS IN

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THE PRESIDENT IMPOSED HIS DECISION WITHOUT CONSULTING THEM.
THEY SEE THIS UNDEMOCRATIC PROCEDURE AS INAPPROPRIATE FOR A
PRESIDENT WHO HAS RAISED THEIR HOPES FOR A LIBERALIZATION OF
THE POLITICAL CLIMATE. MOREOVER, THE PARTY FAITHFUL WERE
DISAPPOINTED THAT PEREIRA GOT THE NOD WHEN A YOUNGER, MORE
ENERGETIC MAN WAS SORELY NEEDED TO GALVANIZE THE PARTY AND
ENHANCE ITS ELECTORAL APPEAL.

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CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS HE POLLED THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VOTES

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THIS WEEK WITH TRACE AND SYRIA IN AN EFFORT TO FIND
A FORMULA TO RESOLVE THE EUPHRATES RIVER DESPUTE.
THE SAUDIS PROBABLY ALSO HOPE TO PERSUADE THE TWO
PARTIES ITO CEASE THEIR OPEN BICKERING. RECENT
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC COMMENTS BY TRACE STRONGHAN
SADDAM HUSAYN DO NOT AUGUR WELL. HOMEVER. FOR AN
EARLY EASING OF THE ANTAGONISM THAT EXISTS BETWEEN
BAGHDAD AND DAMASCUS.Y

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THE SAUDIS MAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN EFFORTS TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON THE RIVER ISSUE SINCE THE DISPUTE FLARED UP LAST SPRENG.

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ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES OF PRINCE FAHD'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS TWO WEEKS AGO WAS TO BREAK THE IRAQI-SYRIAN DEADLOCK.Y

THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF FAHD'S VISIT STATED THAT SYRIA HAD AGREED TO A PROPORTIONAL SHARING OF EUPHRATES WATER WITH IRAQ AND THAT AN AGREEMENT WITH BAGHDAD WOULD BE SIGNED AT A LATER DATE. NO DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT WERE GIVEN IN THE COMMUNIQUE AND BAGHDAD MADE NO COMMENT.

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IN THE MIDST OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, IRAGI LEADER
SADDAM HUSAYN IS CONTINUING HIS VERBAL ASSAULT AGAINST
DAMASCUS. HE TOLD THE BEIRUT PRESS LAST WEEKEND THAT
HE FORESEES NO PROSPECT OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH
DAMMASCUS--EVEN IF THE SYRIANS DECIDED TO MEET IRAG'S
NEEDS FOR EUPHRATES WATER. EARLIER THIS MONTH, HE
TOOK A TOUGH LINE IN PRIVATE COMMENTS PLEDGING TO
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